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Applicant(s): Takayuki SUZUKI et al

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-EXAMINING GROUP 3739**

Commissioner for Patents
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This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed
October 8, 2003, the term for response to which expires on
January 8, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 3, 4 and
7 are amended; claims 2, 6 and 8-12 and 20 are maintained;
claims 5 and 13-19 are canceled; and claims 21-23 are added.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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